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In re Application of:

Carlo Mustacchi et al.

) Group Art Unit: 1621

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> New York, NY 10036 November 1, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

LETTER

SIR:

Attached hereto is a Declaration, with the verified English translation thereof, which attests to the fact that Adriano Arcangeli is the heir of Carlo Mustacchi.

Respectfully submitted,

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